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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1836

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for an increase in the number of mental health professionals serving in health professional shortage areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1993

Mr. POSHARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Mental Health
5 Services Amendments of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISION FOR INCREASE IN**
2 **NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFES-**
3 **SIONALS IN SHORTAGE AREAS.**

4 Section 338H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254q(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following paragraph:

7 “(3) MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.—In
8 providing contracts under this subpart for scholar-
9 ships and loan repayments, the Secretary shall en-
10 sure that an appropriate number of mental health
11 professionals is assigned under section 333 for
12 health professional shortage areas.”.

13 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

14 With respect to contracts for scholarships and loan
15 repayments under subpart III of part D of title III of the
16 Public Health Service Act, the amendment made by sec-
17 tion 2 applies with respect to contracts entered into on
18 or after October 1, 1993.

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